



Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals /
Office of Aging and Adult Services

PACE

Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly

What is the purpose of PACE?

Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) coordinates and provide all needed pre-ventive, primary, acute and long term care services so that older individuals can continue living in the community. The emphasis is on enabling you to remain in your community while enhancing your quality of life.

How does the PACE program work?

- As a PACE enrollee, you will be transported to and from the PACE center from your residence to receive needed services.
- PACE providers are responsible for providing all services which are currently available through Medicare and Medicaid insurances.
- Once you voluntarily enroll in PACE, Medicare and/or Medicaid will no longer pay any other provider for services. All your care will be provided or coordinated by the PACE Program .

What are some of the services provided by PACE?

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| • Primary Care | • Prosthetics, orthotics, DME, Corrective Vi- |
| • Personal Care/Supportive Services | sion, Assistive Devices, Hearing Aids, Den- |
| • Nutritional Counseling | tures (Repair and Maintenance of these items |
| • Transportation | are also covered.) |
| • Medical Specialty Services Procedures | • Social Work |
| • Prescriptions and Biological | • Restorative Therapies |
| • Nursing Facility Care | • Recreational Therapy |
| • Acute Inpatient Care | • Meals |
| | • Lab Tests, x-rays, diagnostic |
| | • Other services determined necessary to im- |
| | prove or maintain your overall health status |

How is PACE paid?

Both Medicare and Medicaid reimburse PACE a payment based on what would have been paid under the fee-for-service system.

- Once you are enrolled in PACE, Medicare and/or Medicaid will no longer pay any other provider for services. All your care will be provided or coordinated by the PACE Program. The PACE provider is at full risk; this means your PACE provider is responsible for all care costs, even if it exceeds the monthly capitated payment they receive each month.

Am I eligible for PACE?

- You must be 55 years of age or older
- Live in a PACE provider service area
- You must be certified by the State to need nursing home care.
- Meet the requirements for Medicaid eligibility,
- Individual income of no more than \$2,022 per month, total resources must be less than \$2,000. The income limits are different when an individual is married and this can change.

Can I change my mind if I no longer want to be in the PACE program?

- Yes, you can disenroll from PACE and return to your regular benefits in Medicare and Medicaid at any time.

Where are the current PACE programs in Louisiana?

- PACE Greater New Orleans, sponsored by Catholic Charities, can be reached at 504-945-1531.
- PACE Baton Rouge, sponsored by the Franciscan Ministries of Our Lady Health System (FMOLHS), can be contacted at 225-765-7724.

**For more information on PACE, please call the
PACE Greater New Orleans at 504-945-1531 or
PACE Baton Rouge at 225-765-7724.**